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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

All of the claims in the application stand rejected on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of Agrawal et al patent 6,216,005. In response thereto, applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, signed by an attorney of record.

In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, applicants submit that this application is now in condition to be passed to issue. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Final Rejection, entry of this Amendment, and reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-14, 16-20, and 22-24 are respectfully requested.

It is also submitted that this application is now in condition to be passed to issue, and such action is also respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems it would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, she is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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